

How I Would Write a One Redemption Arc

Post-Trilogy Part 4

G'day mates, Mr. TV here. Welcome back to the How I Would Write a One Redemption Arc Post-Trilogy. Can't believe we almost reach the climax of this entire saga! Today we're diving into TPOT 29, the final episode before the big battle between One & Two's coalition and Four, Three & X's coalition.

In the last part, we explored TPOT 28 aka To Be Atoned or To Not Be Atoned where we see the first few recruitings of the core members, Donut and Grassy being disqualified, and X beginning to show signs of disloyalty which led to Four sending him to the burn center.

Today, we're looking at TPOT 29 also known as the Line in the Sand. This episode will focus on the last of the recruiting phase, X's growing doubts after the Burn Center incident, and a massive face-to-face showdown between both coalitions that sets up TPOT 30.

So, grab your snacks, strap in, and let's jump straight into TPOT 29: Line in the Sand!

TPOT 29: Line in the Sand

It's May 2027 and TPOT 29 drops on YouTube and of course, the excitement from the OSC is in the air.

The opening scene sees X chilling outside of the TPOT hotel sitting alone on the front steps wrapped in fresh bandages following the brutal Burn Center incident from last episode. He looks completely miserable, staring down at his feet and clutching his arms as the reality of what Four did to him finally starts settling in.

Suddenly, two shadows fall over him. X looks up to see not Four and Three, but One and Two. Two friendly greeted X, sitting down beside him on the concrete steps, while One leaned casually against the porch banister, her eyes glowing with a calm, gentle light rather than her usual intimidating aura. Two was like "Look, man, I know we aren't exactly on the same side, but we both thought it would be a good time to talk about your little friend."

X immediately knew it was Four and he went straight to defend him, saying that it's none of their business and he & Four are still close friends. He even accused them of trying to manipulate him.

One told X to not jump into any conclusions just yet and that manipulations were exclusively her old self's game. She then said "Look. You're a good kid. I mean it. But here's the thing, Four? He's doing no good for you. He's been doing no good for you for what, over a decade or something?"

X clapped back, saying that One doesn't know what his and Four's friendship was like since One was in the moon for all of BFB and most of TPOT. He insisted Four is his ride or die, which caused One to jokingly say "might as well remove the ride part of that phrase." One then immediately told X to get to the point. X said that him and Four had always been inseparable and that Four would never genuinely hurt him on purpose.

Two then said "Oh really? Because that's not what we saw when we saw Four dragging you when Three told him to send you to the Burn Center or whatever that room is?"

X was shocked that they knew what happened and asked how did they know. One told X that she has holograms in her pocket dimension that show live feeds of any place in the world with just a type of a keyboard. X accused Two and One of accused Two and One of spying on them. Two just chuckled and pointed out that if Four and Three had that kind of technology back in the Equation Playground, they probably do the same thing. One then said that she was living the live feed for people's whereabouts and those people are mostly potential recruits for their coalition. Two chimed in to finish the thought: "We didn't mean to pry, X, honest. Now we didn't see what the Burn Center looked like, but from the looks of things, I have to ask, did he literally put you inside an industrial furnace or something?"

X said it was kind of like that and said that he wasn't being helpful. X told Two and One that Four & Three said that disqualifying Donut & Grassy for 'having an opinion' sounds less like a path to redemption and more like a desperate dictatorship and X was like "Yeah, just like Four back in BFB."

One wheezed and was like "Yeah, we heard what you say, but hey, you weren't even lying. From what I heard, that dude ruled BFB with an iron fist". Two pointed the abuse Four has done to his own contestants, how he treated the EXIT like his personal torture chamber, how he screeched and zapped people for the smallest things, how he left X hanging emotionally for years while still calling him his "best friend." One interrupted Two by saying something like "And the irony of Four hunting me down and calling me a monster while he spent an entire season torturing his own contestants is honestly chef's kiss levels of hypocrisy." Speaking of hypocrisy, One also talked about her fourteen years in the moon and how it became the root cause of her villainy. She pointed out that if Four never took the charge to lock her in the moon for an incident that was done out of blind rage, none of this mess would have even happened in the first place. She said that locking someone away for fourteen years with zero sunlight, zero conversation, and zero chance to process what they did isn't justice. It's just slow psychological torture that turns people into the exact thing you claim you're protecting the world from.

Two then told X to have a think about the whole conversation and if he decides to stab Four in the back later, both them and One will welcome him with open arms. And with that, the two of them walked off toward the hotel, leaving X alone again with his thoughts and the quiet sting of the truth settling in deeper than any burn.

X then got up and with a pop sound, he teleported straight back to the Equation Playground where Four and Three were in the middle of a deep conversation. When Four saw X, he immediately lit up and enthusiastically greeted him. Three then asked X if the time in the burn center finally drilled some sense into his thick skull. X enthusiastically nodded and said that it sure did, though his voice lacked any of its usual high-pitched innocence, it sounded hollow, a dead giveaway to anyone paying attention. Fortunately for X, Four was too wrapped up in his own ego to notice, simply letting out a booming laugh and patting X so hard on the back that X winced against his fresh bandages.

X then suggested that they should recruit more core members for their side to balance out the competition. Four and Three agreed and Three suggested they recruit Five first. After all, before everything fell apart in the Equation Playground, the two of them had been practically inseparable. If anyone could understand Three's perspective, it would surely be Five. Four loved that idea and said that Five would love to help them take down that annoying "fake redemption seeker" One and put her back in the moon where she belongs.

The scene transitions into One and Two entering the lobby of the hotel where Fanny was the first to greet them, being like "Heyy! Well if it isn't our favourite co-hosting duo! Say, how is your little redemption going, One?"

One told Fanny that it's really chaotic considering that she has three people hunting her down but other than that, it's going remarkably well, considering she is nailing her first few days as co-host of TPOT. Two chimed in, agreeing with One completely, saying that it's been a absolute pleasure to work with One these past few episodes, that she's actually been listening, learning, and not just power-tripping for once. Fanny then said something down the lines "And oh, before you say anything, I'm all in. If you need someone to knock some sense into that blue-skinned tyrant and his new red friend, hit me up."

Two and One looked at each other in shock. They weren't expecting recruiting Fanny to be that easy. Fanny was notoriously blunt, cynical, and hard to win over, but Two and One had bet the odds. One chuckled, pointing out that she guessed her new reputation as a trauma healing, redemption seeking former villain was actually starting to pay off. Fanny said that it's looking good on her and she's glad One is actually trying to do something right for once. One smiled softly and thanked Fanny, telling her she's officially a part of the coalition now.

Now we follow Four, Three, and X as they teleport to a remote pocket of the Goiky plains to track down Five and manage to find Five sitting peacefully by a stream, skipping flat stones across the water. Five immediately turned around when she heard footsteps. When she saw Three, Five immediately brightened up, a genuine smile spreading across her face as she called out Three's name and ran over to give her a warm, tight hug. Three hugged her back just as tightly, looking almost at peace for the first time in over 17 years. Four folded his arms and smiled warmly, glad to see his old friends reunited, while X stood awkwardly in the background, keeping his bandaged arms close to his chest and staring intensely at the grass beneath his feet.

Three gently pulled back from the embrace, holding Five by the shoulders and immediately jumping straight into the pitch. Three told Five she saw One for the first time in a decade and Five was like “Let me guess, she’s still as insufferable as ever?” Three shook her head solemnly, saying, “Worse. She’s pretending to be good. She’s got Two wrapped around her little finger, and half the contestants are buying into this whole 'redemption' act.”

Five was shocked and immediately assumed that One was just trying to play the long game to take over everything. Three said that it’s exactly what she was thinking. Three then told Five that an all out war has been started, that One and Two have been recruiting people, along with her, Four, and X. Three asked Five, as one of her closest friends, to join their coalition before One managed to sink her claws into anyone else.

Five just stood there for a moment, processing everything before nodding and said that she’s all in, saying “Count me in. And oh, mind if I ask what happened to X?” Five pointed at the bandages on X’s arms. Four lied that X accidentally burnt himself while trying to toast a marshmallow the night before. X then said “Um actually, Four sent me to the burn center because I compared Two and One disqualifying Donut and Grassy to Four during his hosting duties in BFB.”

Four turned around and gave X a death glare that could melt steel, his eyes narrowing into cold, glowing slits. Three shot X a sharp, warning look, which caused X to panic and be like “Actually, actually, I did trip over a fire pit while getting marshmallows, so Four was technically right!”

Four glares softened back into a smile and thanked X for correcting him. X then muttered something to himself that only the fans could hear “Yeah, totally a fire pit. Count your days, blue boy.” It appears that X is almost at his breaking point with Four.

Meanwhile, back at the hotel, One and Two are looking for Pencil to recruit her as a core member of their coalition. Pencil has recently been redeemed herself and One thought she could use her experience in growth and leadership to help guide the group.

They find Pencil on the roof of the hotel, sitting on the edge with her legs dangling off the side, staring out at the sky with a surprisingly calm, meditative expression.

Two calls out to her first, greeting her warmly and sitting down nearby. Pencil turns her head, giving a light wave, but her expression turns instantly guarded the second she notices One stepping out onto the rooftop behind him. Since One is a co-host, Pencil wasn't as hostile as she might have been back in the day, but she still crossed her arms tightly over her chest, letting out a heavy sigh.

Two gets right to the point, explaining the whole situation regarding Four and Three's mounting forces. One then speaks up, genuinely apologizing for any past distress and offering Pencil a spot in their coalition. Pencil listens quietly, looking down at her hands before sighing. Pencil was like “Look, you two, I hate Four as much as you guys. Seriously, the dude had me in the EXIT for 6 years and look what it did to me. But I’m going to have to pass. Firstly, I still don't trust you, One. I know you're trying to do this 'reformed former villain' thing, and maybe it's real,

maybe it's not, but after everything, I still don't have the energy to bet my life on it. And secondly... I'm done. I spent over a decade being this toxic, rude, bossy leader, constantly starting drama, hurting my own friends, and chasing some stupid power trip. I spent six years trapped in a classroom and that made it even worse once all of us escaped and I joined TPOT. After everything, I just wanna sit back, enjoy the peace, and not get involved in any more drama. I appreciate the offer though. I really do, but I'm out. Good luck with Four and Three."

One nodded in understanding and said that completely respected Pencil's reasoning, saying that she completely gets where Pencil is coming from and that no one should ever be forced into a war they didn't ask for. Two agreed, wishing Pencil the best, and the two left her to her peace on the rooftop.

Two and One then found Gaty sitting quietly near a sun-drenched window on the third floor of the TPOT hotel, a worn book spread open across her lap. Gaty immediately looked up from her book the second she heard Two's familiar footsteps coming down the hallway. A warm, relieved smile immediately crossed her face, and she quietly closed her book and set it aside on the windowsill. She greeted both Two and One warmly, genuinely happy to see them both.

Two went straight to business, telling Gaty that a battle with Four, Three, and X is coming and it's going to be everything short of a full-scale war. Gaty didn't flinch at this news. She knew Four was always dangerous long before any of this conflict stuff happened and she is not surprised that Three is holding a massive grudge against One, I mean, One killed Three in cold blood and then her attempt to revive her resulted in her getting resulted in her being brought back fundamentally wrong. Gaty said that she knows Three has every right but to be feeling that way, it doesn't make Three's methods right or her goals justified. Gaty said that she's watched One go from being a terrifying force of nature who erased people out of existence without blinking to someone who is actively sitting with the pain she caused and doing the hard, unglamorous work of fixing it. She said that kind of change doesn't happen overnight, and it doesn't happen from a place of strategy either. It happens from a place of genuine reckoning, and from everything Gaty had seen and heard firsthand over these past few episodes, she believed One was doing exactly that. She told Two and One that she was in, without any hesitation.

One thanked Gaty genuinely, telling her that meant more to her than she could probably put into words. Two pulled Gaty into a side hug, and for a brief moment, the three of them just stood there in the warm afternoon light filtering through the hotel window, a quiet but powerful little moment before the storm.

With that, One and Two's side was complete with its core members being One, Two, Fifteen, Zero, Twenty-One, Seven, Nine, Fanny, and Gaty. The coalition was fully assembled and ready for what was coming.

Now let's swing back to Four, Three, and X. After locking in Five, the three of them had two more recruits on their checklist: Balloony and the Announcer. Now, here's where things get genuinely interesting. Because Balloony and the Announcer aren't exactly hanging around

Goiky waiting to be found. After the Defeat One trilogy, the Announcer and Balloony resumed their space adventure together, drifting through the cosmos aboard the Announcer's battered but surprisingly functional Transportation Device. After everything that went down with One stealing powers, chasing them across the galaxy, and the pair narrowly escaping through a wormhole, the two had formed an unlikely but genuine bond and the Announcer is planning to take Balloony to his home planet. It's a genuinely sweet subplot buried inside this otherwise explosive saga.

So Four, Three, and X have to go UP. And going up means leaving Goiky entirely.

And with a pop sound, the three teleported inside of the Announcer's Transportation Device. Balloony turned around in his chair and told the Announcer that he got some visitors. The Announcer swivelled around in his pilot seat, fully expecting it to be an asteroid or debris on the scanner. Instead, he found himself staring at Four, Three, and X materialised in the back of his ship. The Announcer greeted the three and told Four and X that it's great to see them both again since it's been a few years since BFB had ended. He then looked at Three, squinting slightly, and said he didn't recognize her at all. Three explained that she was the old friend of One who was killed in cold blood and then disfigured. Balloony flinched at the mention of One, clutching his arms as the memories of One chasing the transportation device came rushing back.

Four decided to get down to business, stepping forward and cutting straight to the chase. He told the Announcer and Balloony about the impending war against One and Two, explaining that they needed every ally they could get to put One back in the moon and teach Two a lesson about blind kindness and defiance.

The Announcer sat in his pilot chair, listening to Four's grand speech before noting that while he and Balloony certainly harbored no love for One given her history of terrorizing the cosmos and trying to hunt them down, they want peace and Announcer told Four that he was about to show Balloony his home planet, and dragging them both into a bitter, high-stakes war over a petty decade-long grudge did not sound like a productive use of their time.

Four then guilt tripped the Announcer, pointing out that he is the OG host and that his people need him. Four told the Announcer that One was going to completely ruin everything he built by having Two and everyone else wrapped around her finger, and if they didn't act now, everyone will have their guard down and that's when One will strike.

The guilt trip actually worked. The Announcer was reminded that before Four, before Two, before anyone who succeeded him, he was the one setting the standard in BFDI, he was the first ever host. He then said that he's in, only on the strict condition that once One is dealt with, he and Balloony are left alone to resume their voyage. Balloony nodded nervously and Four grinned.

X then asked Four if he seriously guilt tripped the Announcer, and Four replied with "It's not guilt tripping, X. It's strategic persuasion. There's a big difference." X then muttered to himself "I

swear to god, he's just as bad as she was," before letting out a loud sigh that finally made Four pause and ask what his deal was lately. X quickly brushed it off, claiming he was just tired from all the recruiting and teleporting.

With their final recruits secured. Four, Three, and X's team is complete with their core members being Four, Three, X, Five, Firey, Leafy, Donut, the Announcer, Balloony, and Grassy.

The scene transitions to One and Two in One's pocket dimension, watching the interaction from the live feed holograms. One and Two both spit out their drinks in disbelief and shouted in unison "THEY GOT WHO NOW?!?!?" Two exclaimed that Four, X, and Three got the original host and One chimed in, pointing out that Four had to pull off the impossible by convincing the granddaddy of all show hosts to join their squad.

Two said that with that, they think Four, X, and Three had secured their last recruit and that they should probably get their coalition together for a meeting before the battle begins. Little did they know, this will lead to the trilogy's biggest climax and most explosive confrontation yet.

The scene cuts to a massive clearing just outside Fifteen's Cabin where all members of One and Two's coalition have gathered to discuss a game plan for ...the upcoming war. The atmosphere is tense, but focused. One stands before the crowd, now fully assembled with Two, Fifteen, Zero, Twenty-One, Seven, Nine, Fanny, and Gaty, outlining their defensive positions and emphasizing that they aren't looking to show any mercy to them, especially Four, they are looking to end it all brutally and hold Four accountable for everything he has done.

Suddenly, Four, Three, X, and all their allies appear miles away from them. One sarcastically said that they got company.

Four and the others began to slowly walk toward the clearing, their strides heavy, calculated, and carrying an overwhelming weight of hostility. The grass beneath Four's feet practically withered with every step, his aura radiating pure, unchecked malice. Standing right beside him was Three, her eyes burning with a cold, unrelenting hatred, while Five, Firey, Leafy, Donut, Grassy, Balloony, and the Announcer fell into formation behind them. X lagged slightly at the rear, clutching his bandaged arms, his head hung low as he refused to make eye contact with either side.

Two called out to tell them to hurry it up, sarcastically asking if they were walking in slow motion just to make their entrance dramatic or if all their egos have combined into 'one massive pile of bullcrap.'

Four and his crew finally arrived at the outside of Fifteen's cabin and the two sides stood face to face for the first time as fully assembled armies, separated by only a few yards of scorched grass. The wind dies down completely, leaving a terrifying, suffocating silence hanging over the clearing. The tension is so thick you could cut it with a knife.

(This is the only part where it has full dialogue because it's too crazy to only be explained)

One started the verbal battle off by saying “Well well well, it’s Four, Three, and their little circus of hooligans. Well. I guess there are just some things in life that are certain: death, taxes, and Four breathing down my neck the second I try to move on with my life.”

Four sneered as he looked down his nose at One and Two. He scoffed and said “Moving on? Since when did our favourite parasite ever care about moving on, let alone redemption? You’re not moving on, One. You’re just brainwashing everyone until you strike again.”

Two mockingly said “Ah yes, the same old story. Tell me, do you have any new material to throw at us, Four?”

X replied, coming to Four’s aid “Hey! Don’t you two dare talk to him like tha-“

One interrupted “X, this is a conversation for the adults!”

“Adults?” Four repeated, almost offended that One had the audacity to say that. “You’re really going to pull the ‘I’m the mature one now’ card? After everything you’ve done?”

One asked “What? You don’t believe in the concept of redemption or something?”

Four replied “Oh, don’t worry, honey, I do! But there are some people in this world who don’t deserve a second chance because they’ll only use that second chance to hurt everyone around them again.”

One said “For the hundredth time, I am ACTUALLY changing.”

Three replied “You are only saying that to get everyone to buy your act. But you haven’t changed at all. You’re still the same cold-hearted monster who killed me in cold blood, ripped my life apart, and thought she could get away with it.”

One muttered “Damn, this feels like talking to a brick wall.” and then said “That’s not true. I am making things RIGHT. Get that through your thick skull, Three.”

Three scoffed, crossing her arms tightly over her chest. “Right? By manipulating the entire show and hiding behind Two’s authority? Please. You’re a joke, One.”

One threatened, gritting her teeth “Twist my words one more time and I swear I’ll—” One started, before Two stepped in, gently putting a hand on One’s shoulder to calm her down before saying “Are you deaf or stubborn? Don’t make me get One a megaphone and she can pull a CM Punk on you.”

Fanny said “Ooh! Bars!”

Four replied to Two “CM Punk? Quietly funny you say that because all of her lies are going to make me GTS... Go to sleep!”

One said “Not before I actually do a GTS and kick your head in!”

Three replied "Oh wow, great threat coming from a literal cosmic parasite who needed a fourteen-year time-out just to stop acting like a toddler!"

One said "Don't you dare bring up my solitary confinement. You don't know what it's like to sit in the dark for fourteen years with your own thoughts tearing you apart, all because Four treat uncontrollable rage like a federal crime!"

Three replied "I have been in isolation for 17 years in a cage in Four's dimension for 'safety'. You don't know what it's like to have your entire existence erased and remade wrong while also being all alone!"

Two said "Ah yes, good old classic tit for tat. Tell me, why are you teaming up with the very guy who locked you in a cage for seventeen years?"

Four replied "Oh, I don't know, maybe because One's redemption arc is just hypocrisy and you're just a clown for believing her?"

One said "You're even more of a clown for acting self righteous considering your past track record."

Four replied "You mean a track record that ended years ago?"

Two said "Uhhh, let me remind you that you just recently dragged your so-called 'best friend' and stuffed him inside an industrial burn center just because he pointed out your authoritarian hosting style?"

Four asked "How do you know about that?"

One replied "Oh, X didn't snitch on us? Good on him. But if you are so eager, I got holograms in my pocket dimension that show live feeds with a click of a keyboard. That's also how we found out the Announcer is on your team."

Four's eyes widened in genuine shock. "Wait, what?!"

X crossed his arms defensively and muttered under his breath, "Don't look at me, Four. I didn't tell them either. Guess you're not the only one who likes playing Big Brother."

Four whipped his head around to glare at X and Two & One bursted into howling, uncontrollable laughter that echoed across the entire forest.

Two asked "Which Big Brother are we referring to, X?"

X said "Um... um..."

Four interrupted "X will not answer that question, thank you very much!"

One said to Two "Ooh, censorship. Could X be talking about the dystopian surveillance state?"

Four replied "I said X will not answer that question!"

X added "Yeah, quit questioning my loyalty!"

Two shot X a sidelong glance, folding their arms. "Loyalty, huh? The funny thing is, it reminds me more of Stockholm Syndrome."

X's jaw drop hit the dirt, completely stunned by Two calling out his situation so bluntly.

Four said "Wow, fighting words from a kind-hearted host who wants a fair show. Well, how is it fair when you have a former war criminal co-hosting it with you."

Two replied, roasting Four and post-split BFB "Oh please, you wanna talk shows? Let's talk about the last time you ran a season. I gave forty contestants a brand-new start and a show actually worth competing for. You kept your fourteen and managed to turn it into your absolute worst work. I guess the all-mighty blue host really is just washed."

And just like that, a second jaw was dropped thanks to Two.

Three said "Awww. Where is the old Two? Did someone steal your backbone while you were busy giving out hugs?"

Two replied "I can say the same for you. You used to be the mother hen of Algebralians, but now? All I see... is a sad, bitter shell of a person clinging onto a seventeen-year-old grudge because you can't stand the thought of someone actually evolving past their worst mistakes!"

Three scoffed and said "What do you mean past their worst mistakes. We all know One hasn't changed a bit! She's just playing a long game!"

One rolled her eyes as she said "Wowww! Seventeen years, Three. Seventeen whole years of letting me rent free space in your head. At this point, your grudge is old enough to drive, vote, and realize how embarrassing it is."

Three's face contorted into pure fury, her eyes narrowing as she stepped forward, refusing to let One get the last laugh. She snapped back with venom: "How convenient! You get defeated, lose your leverage, and suddenly you're on a journey of self-improvement? That's not a path to redemption, One, that's a one-way ticket to your next manipulation."

One replied "Three, what did I tell you?"

Three just continued "Please, you think a few tears and a rehearsed speech erase what you did? You're a predator masquerading as a saint, One."

One said, about to blow up "Say one more lie about me, I dare you!"

Three replied “I’m not lying at all, One. I’m just telling it how it is. Face it, One, you are a lost cause. Nah, A MISTAK-“

One interrupted, shouting at the top of her lungs “ENOUGH! JUST SHUT THE HELL UP! I’M SO SICK OF IT! I’m sick of you, that blue-skinned tyrant, and both of your pathological need to have me as the villain who makes you look like saints! Honestly, do you have anything better to do with your pathetic, hollow lives than to stand here and VOMIT lies?! I have spent a good portion of my life fighting to be a better person and pouring MY SOUL into actually doing the work! And let’s not forget, I didn’t wake up one random day seventeen years ago and decide to be a monster, I was a victim of my own untrained power and Four made it worse by locking up an already outcasted kid in solitary confinement! You both don’t want CHANGE! You both don’t want a BETTER WORLD! You both just want an excuse to grab my ankle and DRAG ME DOWN TO HELL WITH YOU!”

The forest went dead silent after One’s emotional crashout. Not a single contestant from either side dared to breathe. X shrank back even further behind Four, looking completely overwhelmed by the sheer intensity of the verbal warfare that had just unfolded.

Three glared across the narrow strip of scorched ground, her expression twisting into an ugly mix of triumph and malice as she watched One panting from her explosive outburst.

Without missing a beat. Three delivered the final blow “ Fine by me. I’ll see you in hell then.”

Three began walking away, gesturing sharply for Four, X, and the rest of their coalition to fall back as the suffocating tension in the clearing finally broke. Four shot One and Two one last venomous, smug look before turning on his heel to follow, with X hurrying right behind him, casting a lingering, conflicted glance back toward One and Two before disappearing into the treeline.

After all the core members of Four, Three, and their coalition retreated back into the horizon, One and Two’s side was left standing in the clearing, completely speechless. Two was like “Yo, you good?” One nodded and said that she is fine and just needs to catch her breath for a minute. She told Two that she is done letting them lie blatantly to everyone’s face about everything she had been working on for the last few weeks and have the audacity to claim that she is still the same manipulative monster from before. Two placed a supportive hand on One’s shoulder, agreeing completely. Two reassures her that when it’s all said and done, Four will have to face the music and take accountability for the way he’s treated everyone, especially X, and that no amount of self-righteous posturing is going to change that. Fanny even chimed in, saying that it was low for Four to guilt trip someone into joining his side but it’s way lower for him and his crew to dismiss and invalidate someone who is genuinely trying to turn their life around just to protect their own bloated egos.

One asked if they should continue with the game plan, but Fifteen shook her head and said that One has been through enough, suggesting that the coalition should chill out in her cabin for the rest of the day and reconvene tomorrow morning. Fifteen explained that rushing back into

strategizing right after a heavy emotional confrontation like that would only result in poor planning and exhausted minds, noting that everyone on the team needed a moment to decompress before the real storm hit.

The core members all agree and head inside the cozy wooden cabin, leaving the tense, suffocating atmosphere of the scorched clearing behind them as the sun begins to set over Goiky.

The scene transitions to the members inside Fifteen's cabin, where the warmth of the crackling fireplace heavily contrasts the cold, bitter hostility they just faced out in the clearing. One was sitting next to Two, causally resting her head on their shoulder. The scene then cut to a zoom in of One as she quietly said towards the camera "Welp, after all of this is over, for the first time in years, everything will be back to normal."

The screen then slowly fades to black, lingering on One as she slowly closes her eyes, ending the episode on a quiet but heavily foreboding note.

And boom, that is how BFDI:TPOT 29: Line in the Sand concludes.

Man, creating this part really took a lot out of me, but holy crap, was it satisfying to write. That confrontation scene was probably my favourite thing I've ever written for this entire hypothetical arc. Getting to lay all of that decade-plus baggage out on the table felt incredibly raw and necessary. Two and One absolutely cooked Four and Three on a level I don't think any of us saw coming when this arc first started!

With that being said, I just wanna say that the next part is the FINAL PART OF THE HOW I WOULD WRITE A ONE REDEMPTION ARC POST-TRILOGY SERIES!

That's right, Part 5 is going to cover TPOT 30: The Fall of the Old World, the grand finale of this entire fanmade saga. Everything we've been building up toward since Part 1 is finally coming to a head. We've got the ultimate clash between One & Two's coalition and Four, Three, & X's army, the final breaking point for X as he stands at the crossroads of his loyalty, and the ultimate resolution to One's redemption arc!

Will One finally get her fresh start and prove to the universe that people can change, or will Four and Three drag her right back down to hell with them? Will X finally stab Four in the back after nearly 20 years, or will he stick by his abusive 'best friend' until the very bitter end? What's going to happen when the line in the sand is officially crossed and all-out war breaks out across Goiky?

I gotta admit, I am quite sad this is going to end soon. This has been my most fun and rewarding series to write on this sub, and seeing all your support, theories, and feedback across the past three parts has meant the absolute world to me. Creating this series to show the world what a proper, well-paced One redemption arc could actually look like if I had the pen has been an absolute blast, and I cannot thank you all enough for riding along with me through every single word of it

So, what do you guys think of TPOT 29: Line in the Sand? Did One and Two completely body Four and Three in that argument or what? How do you feel about X developing a resentment towards Four after everything he's been put through? Do you think One and Two's coalition has what it takes to stand their ground, or will Four, Three, and their allies manage to crush them and drag One back to square one?

Until next time, stay safe, take care, and peace out mates!